

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 14, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker,
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We object to the inclusion of the "hate crimes" provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report for Fiscal Year 2010, and regret that legislation intended to provide vital support to our military personnel would be used to advance a social agenda.

We all agree that criminal activity against anyone is absolutely intolerable and should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. However, we also feel that adding controversial hate crimes provisions to a historically bipartisan bill is an affront to our military.

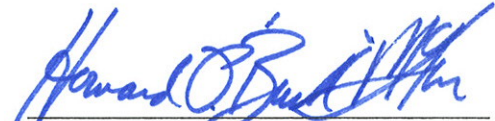
We believe our fighting forces should not be penalized for political actions beyond their control. We wish to express our deep disappointment that our dedicated military personnel could be misused to promote social policy.

We call upon you to work with us to ensure that our military is never again victim to such disrespect.

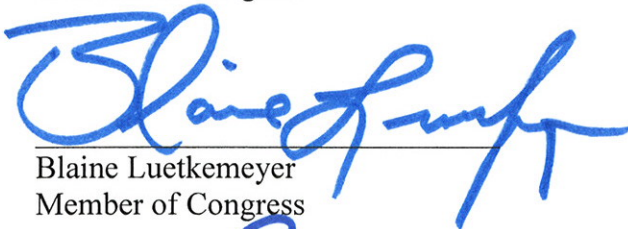
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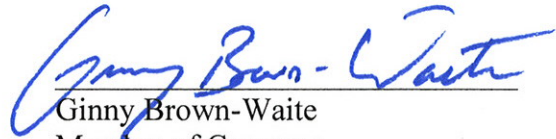
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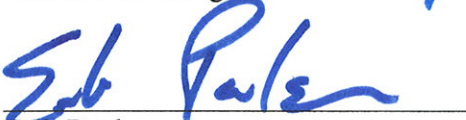
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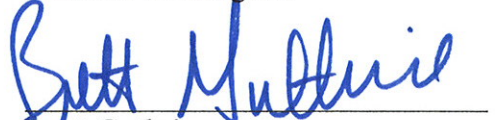
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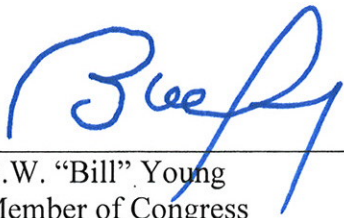
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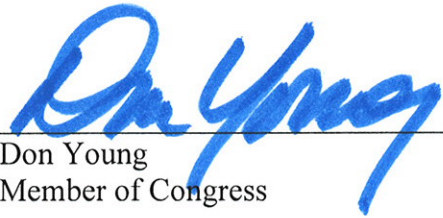
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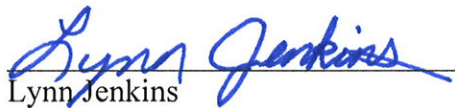
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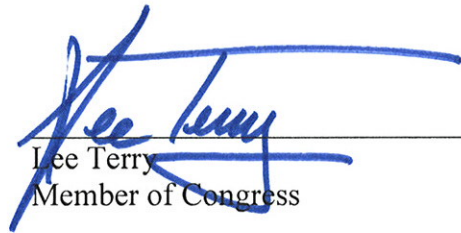
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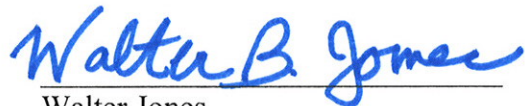
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